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Dear

This is in response to a letter dated August 30, 2012, submitted on behalf of  $\underline{X}$ , by  $\underline{X}$ 's authorized representatives, requesting that the Service grant  $\underline{X}$  an extension of time under § 301.9100-1(c) of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to elect to treat  $\underline{X}$  as disregarded entity for federal tax purposes.

 $\underline{X}$  was formed on  $\underline{Date\ 1}$ , under the laws of  $\underline{Country}$ .  $\underline{X}$  is a foreign entity eligible to be treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. income tax purposes. However,  $\underline{X}$  failed to timely file Form 8832, Entity Classification Election electing to treat  $\underline{X}$  as a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes effective Date 2.

Section 301.7701-3(a) provides in part that a business entity that is not classified as a corporation under § 301.7701-2(b)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) (an eligible entity) can elect its classification for federal tax purposes. An eligible entity with a single owner can elect to be classified as an association or to be disregarded as an entity separate from its owner.

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2) provides guidance on the classification of a foreign eligible entity for federal tax purposes. Unless the entity elects otherwise, a foreign eligible entity is treated as an association if all members have limited liability. A foreign eligible entity is treated as disregarded as an entity separate from its owner if it has a single owner that does not have limited liability. A foreign eligible entity with a single

owner may elect to be treated as a disregarded entity pursuant to the rules under § 301.7701-3(c).

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii) provides than an entity classification election must be filed on Form 8832 and can be effective up to 75 days prior to the election filing date or more than 12 months after the election filing date.

Section 301.9100-1(c) provides that the Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election, or a statutory election (but no more than six months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code except subtitles, E, G, H, and I. Section 301.9100-1(b) defines the term "regulatory election" as including an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register.

Sections 301.9100-1 through 301.9100-3 provide the standards by which the Commissioner will determine whether to grant an extension of time to make an election. Section 301.9100-2 provides the rules governing automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 describes the conditions under which the Commissioner will grant requests for relief that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2. Requests for relief under § 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish that (1) the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and (2) granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government.

Based solely on the facts submitted and representations made, we conclude that the requirements of  $\S$  301.9100-3 have been satisfied. Accordingly,  $\underline{X}$  is granted an extension of 120 days from the date of this letter to file Form 8832 with the appropriate service center to elect to be classified as a disregarded entity effective  $\underline{Date\ 2}$ . A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 8832.

Except as expressly provided herein, we express or imply no opinion concerning the tax consequences of any aspect of any transaction or item discussed or referenced in this letter. Section 6100(k)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

The ruling contained in this letter is based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the ruling request, it is subject to verification on examination.

In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter will be sent to  $\underline{X}$ 's authorized representative.

Sincerely,

Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs & Special Industries)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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